

envisaged from the Government is Rs. 8.60 crores, Rs. 8.66 crores and Rs. 5.64 crores respectively. The financial assistance envisaged was over the period from 1994-95 to 1996-97 in addition to reliefs and concessions in terms of capital restructuring with effect from 1.4.94. In the year 1997-98, the proposed budgetary support to BCPL, BIL and SSPL is Rs.4.0 Crores, Rs.3 crores and Rs. 2.00 crores respectively.

(e) At present, there is no proposal to close down any unit. The revival or otherwise of a sick unit would depend on the outcome of the deliberations before the BIFR.

Election Expenditure Limit

5987. DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Election Commission has written a letter to the Government regarding the election expenditure limit;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have taken a decision thereon;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in the regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) :
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Election Commission has made a proposal for deletion of Explanation-I under section 77 (1) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 and for simultaneous upward revision of ceilings on election expenses.

(c) to (e) This proposal is included amongst the proposals on Electoral Reforms which are being discussed with political parties. It is not possible, at present, to indicate the exact time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard.

[Translation]

Production of Isabgol

5988. SHRI JAYSINH CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of isabgol in metric tonnes produced annually in the country, State-wise;

(b) the names of the countries to whom the isabgol is being exported presently particularly from Unha mandi of Gujarat;

(c) whether India could emerge as the world largest exporter of isabgol in the near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Isabgol is mainly cultivated in Gujarat and Rajasthan. In the year 1995-96 Gujarat produced about 21500 tonnes and Rajasthan about 20000 tonnes.

(b) The names of the countries where isabgol is being exported are given in the Statement enclosed. However, mandi-wise export data is not being maintained.

(c) and (d) India is already the largest exporter of isabgol and is also the major supplier in the international market.

Statement

Name of Countries where Isabgol is being Exported

Sl.No.	Name of the Country
1	2
1.	Australia
2.	Afghanistan
3.	Argentina
4.	Baharain IS
5.	Bangladesh
6.	Brazil
7.	Belgium
8.	Canada
9.	Czech Rep.
10.	Chinese Taipei
11.	Chile
12.	Denmark
13.	Djibouty
14.	Ethiopia
15.	Egypt A Rep
16.	France
17.	Finland
18.	German F. Rep.